

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **H. 4648**

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TO:	The Honorable Leon Howard, Chairman, House Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs Committee		
FROM:	Office of State Budget, Budget and Control Board		
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SUBJECT:	Reduction of Racial & Ethnic Health Disparities		

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ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:

A Cost to the General Fund (See Below)

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:

\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

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**BILL SUMMARY:**

House Bill 4648 amends Title 44 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, by adding Chapter 119 creating the Reduction of Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities Act. This Bill requires the Department of Health & Environmental Control, contingent upon funds being appropriated, to develop and administer a grant program designed to close the gap in health outcomes and increase public awareness of health disparities that exist between racial and ethnic populations. This Bill specifies guidelines for program development and administration and declares that the grant program is to supplement (not supplant) existing programs.

**EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:**

The fiscal impact associated with the grant program specified in this Bill is at the General Assembly's discretion. The Department of Health & Environmental Control reports this grants program would require a Program Coordinator (1 FTE) to administer the program at an estimated cost of \$83,000 in the first year and \$79,500 each year thereafter. Salary and fringe benefits are an estimated \$67,200 while other operating expenses are an estimated \$12,300. One-time office set-up cost is an estimated \$3,500.

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:**

None.

**SPECIAL NOTES:**

None.

Approved by:



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